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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

Subject: Monthly Operational Contact with AECAMBISTA 16

1. Subject was met at the Hotel Statler in New York City at 1200 hours on 6 July 1955 for the purpose of:

- a. Transfer monthly salary;
- b. Relate the requirements for the new portion of the AEQUOR study.

2. The major portion of this contact was devoted to a discussion of the political alignments within the Byelorussian emigration and the effect, if any, on the emigre scene as a whole. According to AECAMBISTA 16, the Byelorussian emigration in the United States at this time is attempting to effect a unity of purpose, vis-a-vis the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America. The results, thus far, have been negligible. Subject feels that this unity, however, will be achieved to provide a front organization necessary to carry on the work of attaining Byelorussian independence. AECAMBISTA 16 stated that many of the organizations now existing would be forced to curtail activity because of their purely nationalistic characteristic. He further stated that once many of the members receive American citizenship, and many have applied, the Oath of Allegiance would preclude membership in strictly Byelorussian groups.

3. AECAMBISTA 16 reported that Dr. N. SCORS has been trying earnestly to unite a group of Byelorussian professionals into an organization similar to the Committee for a Free Slovakia, which would have the support of such Americans as Edward O'CONNOR, Lev DUBRIANSKY in propagandizing the cause of Byelorussian independence. This organization would not be in opposition to the Byelorussian National Council or the Byelorussian Central Council. The group would devote a major portion of its effort to the American public in an attempt to educate this public re Byelorussia. SCORS has been trying to get E. KOCHANOWSKI interested, but has not had too much success.

4. Subject stated that SCORS has been unsuccessful in his attempt to become a central figure in the BNR and the BCR. As a result of this failure, he conceived the idea for the group of professionals. In the opinion of AECAMBISTA 16, SCORS will not be too successful since his reputation leaves much to be desired.

5. AECAMBISTA 16 was given the new requirements on the AEQUOR Study. This portion will contain the compilation of pertinent data re the Byelorussian emigration with emphasis on areas outside of the continental limits of the United States. Time-wise it will encompass post World War II. It should take about 5 months.

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6. AEGAMBISTA 16 is leaving for Chicago on a vacation at which time he will also bring up to date and verify information already submitted. He asked whether we could assume some of the financial expense. He was answered in the affirmative, since the project has been funded to meet such eventualities.

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